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## WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

### WOMAN'S WORLD.

A CALIFORNIA WOMAN WHO OPPOSES THE SUFFRAGISTS.

**Woman's Capabilities.**—Equal to the Emergency. Women in Ireland. Didn't Cheat in Voting—Seemingly Hints to Women Young and Not So Young.

The San Francisco Examiner reports the fourth and last lecture of Miss Ray Frank, under the auspices of a number of prominent Jewish ladies of that city. A portrait of Miss Frank and the concluding remarks of her address are here reproduced.

"Now let us see if the ballot is the remedy for all the terrible evils the suffragists have told us about. The home is the acknowledged basis of the state. If woman is given the ballot, the home becomes divided—it has two heads. Who will tell me that a home can have two heads and both be satisfied and content? There never has been a government, either great or small, which had two heads and was free from contention. If woman has the right to vote, she has the right, also, to run for office. In this case she would certainly be successful at the polls, for in every com-



monly she numbers greatly in excess of men. Would women trust woman? Let us imagine a woman president of the United States at such a time as the great war or any other similar crisis.

How many women in the land, suffragists included, would have felt safe with the thought that such a question was in the hands of a woman? "The suffragists have told us that woman is compelled to cook, wash and clean houses because it is dirty work, drudgery and menial. But woman would not do it. But nobody will tell me that that is a whit harder than the work the men do, mining, bricklaying, teaming, farming, and the like. They tell us that all the men consider them good for is to take care of their children. I have often wondered when the suffragists were going to talk about the rights of children instead of their own."

"They say they are denied the opportunities men receive, but this is not so. There is not a profession in the land that they cannot and do not enter. Yes, there is one, but that is of a character which most of these suffragists shun. It is the profession of a trained mother. Two many women of those who have condescended to become mothers do not know and understand their own children. It is no more than a trained mother should expect to hear, on the heels of the cry for woman's rights, an appeal for children's rights."

"If woman wants to remedy all the ills and evils she is heir to, she should begin with herself, and the ballot is not a necessary aid in that direction. We are not ready for suffrage yet. Does woman ever stop and ask herself for what man is laboring daily and grinding his fellow man in the hope of swiftness? Is it because he needs to toil and wear his system? No, it is because he has a wife and may be children at home and he wants to see them thrive and be happy. He does not build his residence for himself alone. If unmarried, he builds no home at all. Home is the thought uppermost in the average married man's mind. If this is not evil, then woman is to blame herself."

**Woman's Capabilities.**—Rev. Lyman Abbott told a good story once of a class of Indians to whom he was reading the parable of the virgins, one of their number acting as interpreter. Observing a smile stealing over the faces of these saturnine pupils, he stopped to inquire the cause of their amusement. The discovery was that one of the Indians in the Indian tongue there is but one word for maid and virgin and but one for bridegroom and husband, so that the story that reached their ears through the interpreter was that ten maids lighted their lanterns and went out to look for a husband!

This was at one time the common conception of woman's education. She went to school that she might learn to trim wicks and light her lantern that she might better look for a husband. Consequently her culture, if so it might be called, became practical or ornamental.

Woman is primarily to be dedicated to be a wife and mother, but no less is man to be educated to be husband and father. The ratio of good wives far exceeds that of good husbands, and as, after all, the absolute precedes the relative the fitness of coeducation, on lines of equality, become apparent. There are specific duties for every one that lives, be these duties of technical ends or those of citizenship. Men and women live in the same world, two or more of one. It is in the men that woman finds her life, the men's interests dominate their lives. The history of the ages discloses to them without division of knowledge, this for man, that for woman. The sciences are open books to each, the thoughts of great men, the literature of all nations. If man can learn a language foreign to his vernacular, a woman

can accomplish the same in the same length of time. We are all in the same boat, and we must all learn navigation in these days of piloting for oneself.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Equal to the Emergency.**—There are many "manly" qualities in the lives of the absent-minded, when the results of their lapses in memory are brought home to them. Little Mrs. A., who had been charmingly entertained at Chicago on her way to California last spring, was delighted the other day to meet one of her quondam housemates on the street, and asked her to dine a couple of days later. Then, as luck would have it, she entirely forgot the engagement, proposing to her husband that they should on that very evening dine at the Waldorf and go afterward to the play.

Just as the pair were starting, however, a carriage drove up to the door, and Mrs. A., with unspeakable consternation, suddenly remembered her invitation. To compound the situation to her husband, and send him flying to his club, which fortunately was in the neighborhood, for a course dinner, was the work of a moment, and congratulating herself upon her generalship in this case she would certainly be successful at the polls, for in every com-

"You are going out?" exclaimed the latter. "I am sure you forgot all about me."

Mrs. A., of course, protested, secure in the knowledge of the elaborate dinner which she knew would soon be served.

"But you have your hat on," persisted the other.

"I shall tell Mrs. B. that you took her latest Parisian head-dress for a hat," laughingly returned Mrs. A. with calm meekness, and her guest had the tact to believe, or to appear to believe, the explanation. —New York Tribune.

**Women in Ireland.**—Women take part in all sorts of political meetings in Ireland, says a W. U. T. U. woman who has just returned. There is a woman's political party. When a bill for having the university supported by the state was pending, the women held many meetings to urge the admission of their own sex to its privileges. Two papers, exclusively in the interests of women and with women editors, are published, one in the north and one in the capital of Ireland, and legislative bills are introduced for the protection of women.

In divorce laws a couple finding it impossible to live together must apply first for a separation and remain separated for three years before they can be granted a divorce, which will be granted according to its grounds.

Their system of names is unique. As in Russia, women never take their husbands' names. The children, John and Mary, say, of Peter Johnson, are known as John Peterson and Mary Peterson. Mary, in giving herself in marriage, becomes merely Mrs. Mary Peterson, dotter, and a man's surname is totally lost to posterity, only his Christian appellation being transmitted to son or daughter. At a recent local option bill presented to the sitting the signatures of 7,000 women were included.

**Didn't Cheat in Voting.**—We were so much shocked to speak of it a few weeks ago, when the accusation of intent to cheat was made at the election of women officers for the "Feminist" or "Feminist" Club. "There are chances of repeaters," said Mrs. President Croly, "and we must act as though every one who gets a chance will cheat!" This was appalling. But must every one be a repeater. Have we not heard that women are to be put to the test when they go to the polls? We have made inquiry as to the election at the Federation of Women's Clubs. We are fully convinced that there was no cheating or attempt to cheat at the election. We know from the size of the vote that there was no cheating. We do not believe that any member of the federation entertained an intent to do anything improper. We rejoice to possess the assurance that have come to us.

If good women were no better than wicked men, what would be the result of the community? If women would do wrong at a club's election, what could be expected from them at the political polls? No, no. The women voters of the Federation of Women's Clubs had never thought of doing any wrong.—New York Sun.

**Wanted, a Bicycle Skirt.**—Ethel Mackenzie writes from London to the Philadelphia Telegraph: "It really is to be hoped that before next season well dressed women and clever tailors will have combined to settle the vexed question of our bicycling attire. I cannot imagine that we shall ever adopt the monastic knickerbockers, for, however much we may bow to our Parisian neighbors in the matter of fashion, we retain very decided views on the subject of a graceful figure, and exaggerated hips are a national abomination. But there is no doubt that the really satisfactory skirt has still to be invented. A friend of mine who is a cycling enthusiast told me that she had had no less than ten, and that each one was more unsatisfactory than the last. Really a fortune lies within the grasp of the enterprising individual who can master the difficulty, and if my talents lay in that direction, which they unfortunately do not, I should expect to be called upon to invent a perfect bicycle skirt."

**Gail Hamilton.**—Miss Abigail Dodge, or, as she is better known, "Gail Hamilton," has been advanced to victory through the efforts of Mrs. L. O. Case, Dr. Eva Hartford and Mrs. N. W. Lynn.

Mrs. Olive Wilcox of St. Louis has invented a device for opening ovens and removing their contents without scorching the hands or face.

One hundred and eighty-two students from the senior class at Vassar.

time before her recent severe illness a friend of hers met her in the same Washington while accompanied by another woman, who, she knew, would be extremely curious to see an author whose works she admired so much. To introduce the celebrity as "Miss Dodge" would give perhaps no clue to the real identity. So the friend boldly took the situation by the horns and said the other's name and "Miss Abigail Dodge—I don't dare say 'Gail Hamilton.'"

**Women's Clubs Prohibited.**—This from poor old, effete stick in the mud China. It is from an edict recently issued by the governor of Kwang, Chan-Fu.

"Women's clubs are herewith prohibited. It is well known that in the district herein named a great portion of the female population has a hobby of matrimony. In consequence of this persons who are married do remain away from their homes the greater part of the time at their clubs. Should the man demand his wife to return home by force she kills herself, and this causes her relations to grumble. Thus are men deprived of their wives. I do therefore order that these clubs be closed, and that the married women stay at home. This edict let to go into effect within a month. Rebels wives will be taken home by a policeman."

**A Word About Bloomers.**—Now, what do we mean by this trade against the bloomer costume? We sneer, we swear, we ridicule, but why should we be double-barreled idiots on this subject? We like long dresses because, so to speak, we were born that way. But why shouldn't a woman wear clothes that fit the occasion, provided they are becoming? I draw the line there because to be unbecomingly dressed is a crime. The women of China, Turkey, Persia all wear short clothes—that is, about 200,000,000—and why should we raise such a howl if a few American girls do the same thing, eh?—New York Herald.

**What She Does.**—The up-to-date girl—Rides a wheel first and foremost. Plays golf and enjoys it mightily. Shoots, rows and fences equally well. Belongs to hosts of clubs and can make a good speech.

Disregards parliamentary law and can preside at any sort of a meeting. Is a champion of the "free love" and at the same time not the least bit unfastidious. She's a paragon, in short—always well dressed, well behaved, well educated, and well-in fact, she's everything that is up to date, yet sweet and womanly and attractive.—Exchange.

**Mary Hartwell Catherwood.**—Mary Hartwell Catherwood leads an ideally quiet life in Hopedale, Ill. It has taken her less than 15 years to build up the reputation she enjoys. Her first appearance in literature was made in 1881. She is said to bear a marvelous resemblance both in appearance and manner to Jean Bievet, a Canadian writer who occupies about the same position in the literature of her country as Mrs. Catherwood does here. The coincidence becomes more remarkable when it is said that, although the two writers have never met, each has a daughter 9 years old named Pearl.

**Margaret Collier Graham.**—Mrs. Margaret Collier Graham, whose "Stories" in the "Feminist" have given her prominence in the literary world, is a western woman: She was born in Iowa and since her marriage has lived in California. She is not one of the city-bred, snobbish writers of the day, for she is 45, and it was not until 1893 that she entered literature seriously.

**Insurance Women.**—Miss Lucia Smith has recently been appointed an agent for an insurance company at Carrollton, Ky., and is doing good work. Mr. Duff Porter is manager of the woman's department in Chicago for the same company, and one of her solicitors, Mrs. C. A. Terry, often expresses the men agents in the number of policies she writes.

**Knit Tights.**—A wise thing for the delicate woman who finds very heavy clothing a burden is to provide herself with a pair of knit tights to don when going out of doors. She may then wear with impunity one of the short modish jackets or capes and at the same time be kept perfectly warm, with no additional weight dragging from the tired hips.

**A Housekeeper's Appreciation.**—A Sedalia (Mo.) dispatch in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "A novel document was a few days ago filed in the office of the county recorder. It is a paper wherein Mrs. Belle Asher appreciates her daughter, Letha Asher, 9 years old, to Mary Jane Love 'to learn the trade and art of housekeeping.'"

They baskets of black croquet, lined with green moss and holding ferns, are shown for dinner table or drawing room use. The big pots or tubs that hold growing palms can be covered by the large, circular baskets of wickerwork sold for the purpose.

Queen Margherita has become an authoress. She is an expert mountain climber, and has embodied her experiences in a book which is to be published. It is to be illustrated, with sketches made by the distinguished writer.

Miss Susan R. Anthony claims that woman's suffrage in Kansas has been advanced to victory through the efforts of Mrs. L. O. Case, Dr. Eva Hartford and Mrs. N. W. Lynn.

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### TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE.

The regular meeting of the Township Committee was held on Monday night, all members being present.

The following bills were ordered paid: J. Berry's Sons, \$6,600; C. M. Lockwood, putting up storm doors, \$2; Bloomfield National Bank, safe deposit vault rent for one year, \$12; Collector A. C. Marr, salary, \$100; Clerk William L. Johnson, salary and extras, \$54; Janitor Thos. Hayes, salary, \$10; Samuel Shawcross, cleaning lamps, \$31. Mr. Stout inquired the reason for this amount when the number of gas lamps had been reduced, Glen Ridge taking care of their own lamps. Montclair Quarry Company, broken stone, \$9.78; Chas. Murray & Son, new road, Fremont Street, \$50, referred to the Road Committee; Supt. William U. Oakes, salary, \$25; Thos. Ogan, \$1.50; F. C. Bucher, poor account, \$7.08; R. T. Cadmus, poor account, \$30; S. Schaefer, poor account, \$144.21; M. Roberts, for care of Jane Bonnell, \$18; C. L. Voorhes, poormaster, salary and fees, \$41.66; J. P. Scherff, malice, poor account, \$10.70; Victor Corrae, janitor Phoenix Hose Co. No. 1, \$6; Frank N. Unanget, janitor Essex Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1, salary \$10; Victor Welen, janitor Active Hose House, \$6; three month's rent of Excelsior Hose House, \$37.50; M. Hummel & Son, coal for Excelsior Hose House, \$25; August Olsen, superintendent fire alarm, \$15; Bloomfield Coal & Supply Company, \$10; Thos. B. Baxter, insurance on Police Station, \$8. Mr. Stout inquired the cost of this building. Mr. Powers said about \$800. The policy covers the building only and not the contents. The policy was returned for correction. S. Schaefer & Co., supplies for Police Station, \$1.41; Henry Thompson, cleaning Police Station, \$4.75; John G. Kaylor, gas, supplies for Police Station, \$6.00; Policemen, John R. Baylis, salary and fees, \$60.00; James Avery, \$60; Thomas McKean, \$60; Charles Horns, \$60; L. M. Collins, \$60; James Foster, salary and extras, \$60.80; John G. Wokun, special officer, \$25; E. D. Ackerman, sewer connections, \$109.50; Walter Lane, sewer inspection, salary, \$50; George M. Cadmus, salary, sewer inspection, \$67; A. H. Olmsted, engineer, fees, \$400; P. H. Harrison & Sons, balance due on sewer contract, \$244.75.

Mr. Lawrence reported two defective crosswalks on Washington Avenue at Thomas Street and Ashland Avenue.

Contractor Callahan will repair them at once by order of the Sidewalk and Crosswalk Committee.

Mr. Gilbert presented a petition from property owners of Fairview requesting that the water main be extended on Berkeley Avenue from Newark Avenue to the Morris Canal, and that a hydrant be placed near the canal. Referred to the Water Committee.

Mr. Haskell desired to know what had been done in regard to the extension of the water main on Church Street.

Mr. Gilbert replied that the Water Company promised to do the work this year, together with an extension on Wildwood Terrace, Glen Ridge.

A communication was received from E. G. Ward requesting the Committee to extend the sewer system on Belleville Avenue to Orchard Street.

Engineer Olmsted stated that he had seen Messrs. Stafford and Williamson, abutting property owners, and that they had no objections to the extension. The request was granted.

Plumbers' licenses to make sewer connections were granted to the following firms: E. D. Ackerman, W. Taylor, Joseph B. Harvey's Sons, and Werner & Cogan.

Chief Engineer Oakes recommended the location of three additional fire alarm boxes at the following places: Washington Avenue and Thomas Street, Franklin Avenue and Bay Avenue, Montgomery Avenue and John Street. The Chief also recommended the removal of box 45 from Broad and Warren Streets to Excelsior Hose House at Broad and James Streets. Referred to the Fire Committee.

Mr. Powers recommended that new lights be purchased for the Committee room. The Wallach gas burners were referred to Mr. Stout objected and said that he had one of these burners which the Clerk could have for use at his desk.

The report of Treasurer Lawrence showed a balance in bank of \$1391.66.

Another note for \$3000 was ordered drawn on the Bloomfield National Bank for sewer construction.

Another communication was received from C. Van Wagoner to the effect that he had read in the Record that the Committee stated that his last letter was disrespectful. He denied that he had any such intentions.

Halley M. Barrett, counsel for the North Jersey Street Railway Company, was present and urged the Committee to grant a franchise on Bloomfield Avenue to construct tracks from Liberty Street 300 feet on the west side and about 1100 feet on the east side of the Avenue to Glen Ridge line. Mr. Barrett asked the Committee to take the application of his company and consider it on its merits. There was a mistaken idea that the Consolidated Traction Company and the North Jersey Company were the same. It was not so. The Company intend to have the cars running through Glen Ridge about Jan. 1st, and was desirous of constructing the road from the Montclair line to Liberty Street, at the same time. Counsel said that arrangements have been completed to run cars to Market Street, Newark, every seven minutes. As to transfers, so far as Bloomfield was concerned, a transfer with the City of Newark meant another ride on top of a long ride for which the fare was not unreasonable. Mr. Barrett said that he had used his best endeavor to secure transfers from the Consolidated Traction Company but had failed. The latter Company are averse to the renewal of the transfer system. They say they cannot afford and will not grant them. This is their final judgment and no modification of this determination will be granted.

The North Jersey Company intend to put on stages through Montclair. A sewer house is to be built at Vernon the winter. In closing Mr. Barrett again appealed to the Committee to consider the application promptly and on its own merits, reasonable delay not objected to.

A majority of consents of property owners on the Avenue have been secured. Mr. Haskell took the chair and Mr. Stout discussed the question at length. In a few years Bloomfield Avenue, he said, will be built up. The transportation business of the country is constantly improving and in a few years a five cent fare to Newark would not be considered so marvelously low by comparison with other roads.

Mr. Stout said that he believed that this Company could grant transfers with a profit.

The motion of Mr. Haskell to refer the matter to the Franchise Committee was adopted.

**Christmas Supper and Sale of Work.**—The Alpha and In-Word-and-Deed Circle of King's Daughters of the First Presbyterian Church will hold a sale of work and serve supper in the Parish House on Friday afternoon and evening, December the tenth. The sale is held anticipating the season of Christmas gifts. Persons desiring either dainty trifles or more sober articles of utility, ready or to be made, would do well to attend the display. The various tables will be under the following supervision:

Floury table—Mrs. Allison Dodd, Misses Van Winkle, Cadmus, Oakes, Ward, Janu Ward.

Table—Mrs. James Mann, Mrs. P. Rogers, Misses Sherman, Ventres, Hall, Madison.

Candy table—Mrs. Noll, Misses Baxter, Jones, Clara Jones, Lewis, Davis.

The Children's table—Mrs. Hinkle, Misses Schwartz, White, Boughman, Bell.

The Supper table—Mrs. Theodore Ward, Misses Ailing, Folsom, Closs, Morris, Peloubet, Suydam, Eva Suydam.

The Hot Chocolate table—Miss Emma Clogg.

**Brookdale Notes.**—W. M. Brokaw, Michael Armbruster, Henry Doremus and other property owners, whose farm land extends into the town of Montclair, received tax bills from the latter place this year, for the first time. Previous to this date their real estate was taxed in Bloomfield entirely.

Some persons or persons who failed to secure a square meal on Thanksgiving Day, visited the residence of Rev. Mr. Bogardus, last Saturday night. The cook had prepared a spring chicken for the Sunday dinner. When the Reverend gentleman awoke Sunday morning, the cooking utensil together with its contents, had disappeared. At the residence of Tunis Garabrant all the eatables were stolen. Mr. Garabrant was nursing a sick child, but failed to hear the intruders. A fresh supply of groceries had to be purchased on Sunday morning.

A pair of fine ducks were stolen from James Brewster, a neighbor of Mr. Garabrant. No clue to the perpetrators has been obtained.

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